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Subject: Comments on Additional Morse Code-Related Petitions

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To Whom it may concern,

Petition by Joseph Speroni, AH0A, RM-10808

This sounds rather rational to delete Element (1) for applicants who want to operate phone on any HF band.

It is also rational to keep Element (1) for those who wish to operate CW on the designated bands, as we know them now.

I disagree that the radio-testing regime would require any more specific knowledge be required to change any thing.

Let us not allow hidden agendas to creep into the hobby. The current knowledge pool if passed (70%) written test is sufficient for years to come. Do not drive off potential operators by writing ridiculous exam questions for any Amateur radio operators of any class.

I do agree that phone privileges should be a given on all bands for amateur Radio Operators. Operators must not be held accountable for modes that they do not wish to use. Administrators must not develop testing programs supporting a hidden agenda.

RTTY, data, image, spread spectrum, pulse/test, are not pure modes of operation since they are software programs. RACES/ARES is just a continuation of phone.

Do not boost the number and range of written test questions.

Do give technicians phone and data privileges on all bands.

My recommendation: Whatever the outcome, I sincerely hope that it will not be based upon a hidden agenda designed to reduce Amateur Radio hobbyist from enjoying radio.

Thanks for your consideration,

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